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The Reply Brief filed October 28, 2008 has been noted by the examiner. The examiner reasserts that the interpretation of the words "to clamp", "clamped" and "clamping" were within the bounds of the broadest reasonable interpretation demanded in claim interpretation, as set forth in MPEP 2111, citd by the applicant.

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